

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday January 6th 2002

IRTS Committee Meeting

The next committee meeting of the Irish Radio Transmitters Society will take place at 11 a.m. on January the 19th 2002 at the Shamrock Lodge Hotel, Athlone.

Great WAI Activity

Worked All Ireland activity reached a peak over the last weekend of 2001 with no less than six mobiles out and about on Saturday December the 29th.

These were Fergus EI6IB, Brian EI8IU, Declan EI9HQ, Robert EI2IQ, Brendan EI6IZ and Noel EI6HW.

The WAI net was hopping with activity as 2001 drew to a close. On the 28th and 29th there were over 25 stations on the net. Declan EI9HQ activated squares in counties Tipperary, Limerick Clare on 28th and Clare, Galway and Offaly on 29th. EI2IQ did runs in Laois and Kildare, Fergus EI6IB activated rare parts of Sligo, Leitrim and Roscommon, while Brian EI8IU did Leitrim, Cavan and Fermanagh. Many fixed stations in rare counties came up on the net on Sunday and Monday 31st to complete the WAI 32 counties award. On the last day of the year 12 counties were available and all on the net would like to thank the many stations who came up especially, and hope to hear them again in 2002. Interest in the WAI is also growing stateside and there is a demand for counties and squares on 21.317 MHz. Declan EI9HQ has now the capacity to operate mobile on all HF bands and has helped popularise WAI stateside.

The new prices for the Worked All Ireland Scheme are as follows:

Award Certificates are 6 Euro and 50 cent, 5 pounds sterling or 10 US Dollars.
Endorsements now cost 4 Euro or 6 US dollars. WAI Books cost 8 Euro, 5 pounds sterling or 10 US dollars. This includes postage costs.

The books are available from Noel EI6HW at QTHR while all awards applications should be sent to Tom Rea EI2GP also QTHR.

Local activity continues on 7.068MHz while DX contacts are made on 21.317MHz.

Change of Website addresses

Due to circumstances beyond the webmasters control the web site address for the East Cork Radio Group, EI7M has had to be changed. The new address is 4c.ucc.ie/~cjgebruers/ei7m.htm

The web site address for the EI0TEN beacon has also had to be changed. The new address is 4c.ucc.ie/~cjgebruers/ei0ten.htm

Service will resume from the new addresses as soon as possible. Please note that unfortunately there is no automatic re-direction from the old address.

Mayo Radio Experimenters Network

The Mayo Rally will be held on Sunday March the 3rd 2002 in the Belmont Hotel, Knock. The IRTS AGM will be in the afternoon at the same venue, and the dinner dance will be on the Saturday evening. Details from Padraic EI9JA. E-mail rally@mayoren.net, or from the club web site at www.mayoren.net

South Eastern Amateur Radio Group

The next committee meeting of South Eastern Amateur Radio Group will take place on Wednesday the 9th of January at 8.00 p.m. in the Roanmore Centre, Cleaboy Road, Waterford.

IRTS Website

E-mail addresses for the contacts in the Irish Radio Transmitters Society will from now on change on a regular basis. The purpose of this is to eliminate the huge amount of junk mail received by the society. Up to date addresses can be found on the society's home page at www.irts.ie

Items for inclusion in Echo Ireland should be forwarded to Dave Moore EI4BZ at 021-4883555. Items can also be submitted to Dave by e-mail at ei4bz@eircom.net.

Items for inclusion in the Radio News should be forwarded to Mark Wall EI7IS at QTHR or via e-mail to ei7is@qsl.net or cyberis@e-merge.ie. Items can also be sent to Mark over the phone at 087-6302026.

News can also be submitted via e-mail to news@irts.ie for automatic forwarding to

both news services.

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